

Tsunami Assistance - January 11, 2005

DoD-GEIS partners have been alerted to be prepared to provide helpful real-time information to assist situational awareness by military medical leadership. The Naval Medical Research Unit - 2 (NAMRU-2) and the Armed Forces Research Institute for the Medical Sciences (AFRIMS) have provided local assistance to host governments, the Combined Support Force (CSF) and US Ambassadors as authorized. GEIS personnel have provided timely updates and coordination assistance. A Navy Environmental Preventive Medicine Unit (NEPMU) GEIS partner also is in SE Asia assisting locally. Naval Health Research Center (NHRC) and the Air Force Institute for Operational Health (AFIOH) are providing lab support. The GEIS central hub is providing direct connectivity at the emergency operation center Atlanta at CDC. The DoD-GEIS partner is assisting the interface and cooperation between DoD and CDC. The DoD liaison to the World Health Organizations' Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network is also providing helpful coordination and information. **Information on Influenza (avian and human) including the DoD Global Influenza Program, WNV, Leishmaniasis and severe respiratory syndromes, including SARS, is available on the DoD-GEIS website <http://www.geis.fhp.osd.mil/>**